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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, M.A., M.P.H., Director
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "WLF", written over the printed name of Wesley L. Ford.

SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF COUNTY DRUG/MEDI-CAL CONTRACT WITH
BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION
FACILITY**

The Department of Public Health's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) has terminated its agreement with Brighter Beginnings Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility (BBDARF) for cause, effective May 15, 2014. The agency is located at 1704 West Manchester Avenue, Suite 203, Los Angeles, California 90047, in the Second Supervisorial District.

During the course of SAPC's most recent program review of BBDARF, conducted in April 2014, the following serious deficiencies and violations were identified:

1. Counseling staff timesheets did not correspond with group sessions staff were reported to have facilitated.
2. Several group session sign-in sheets contain start and ending times which overlapped, indicating clients did not receive a full ninety (90) minute counseling session as required by Title 22 and County contract.
3. For two consecutive reviews, clients with severe mental health disorder did not have mental health clearances.
4. For four consecutive reviews, client charts did not contain required documents including medical waivers, initial/updated treatment plans, progress notes, or case conferences.

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SAPC notified BBDARF of the termination on May 15, 2014. SAPC has also notified the State Department of Health Care Services of the termination.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

WLF:vc

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